Manufacturing Company Ltd. for an industrial licence to set up a 900 TPD ammonia and 1500 TPD urea plant at Paradeep in Orissa based on naphtha as feed-stock. The case, after its careful consideration, was rejected by Government on 24th June, 1991 due, inter-alia, to inadequate availability of the feed stock. Such unit is no longer subject to industrial licensing under the New Industrial Policy.

Cement Plants in Orissa

6661. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposals to set up some slag cement Plants in Orissa are pending since long;

(b) whether those proposals are likely to be implemented during 1991-92; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a). M/s. Orissa Cements Limited had made an application for expansion of their capacity for manufacture of slag cement by 2.75 lakh tonnes per annum at their existing factory at Rajgangpur in Orissa . M/s. Industrial Development Corporation of Orissa Limited had sought approval for modernisation-cum-expansion scheme for manufacture of Portland Cement including slag cement to produce an additional 3 lakh tonnes per annum at their existing unit located at Bargarh, District Sambalpur in Orissa. Letters of Intent have been granted in both the cases.

Under the new Industrial Policy, no Industrial Licence is required for setting up new cement projects or for their substantial expansion.

(b) and (c). The above proposals are likely to be implemented during the Eight Plan Period.

Take over of Agro-Fruits Products Centre in Kerala

6662. SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have my proposal to take over the Agro Fruits Product Centre one of the major Food Processing units of the Kerala-Agro-Industries Corporation from Punalur in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Drinking water Schemes for Kerala

6663. SHRI THAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala have sent some drinking water schemes to the Union Government for its approval;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total expenditure likely to be incurred on each scheme; and

(d) the steps taken for according approval to the said schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Governments has sent a Scheme for provisiond safe drinking water to 1000 SC/ST habitation.

(c) The estimated cost of the scheme is Rs. 3.11 crores.

(d) A sum of Rs. 50 lakhs has been released as first instalment of funds representing 50% of the approved cost to be met as assistance under the centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme.

UPSC and SSC Examination Centres in Kerala

6664. SHRI THAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the locations of Union Public Service Commission and Staff Selection Commission Examination Centres in Kerala Seperately;

(b) whether the Government have any proposal to open some more examination centres of U.P.S.C. and S.S.C. in Kerala; and

(c) if so, the locations thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONAL, PUBLIC GRIVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) At present, there are two regular centres in the State of Kerala at Cochin and Trivandrum for the examinations conducted by the Union Public Service Commission. The Staff Selection Commission has seven examination centres in Kerala at Calicut Cochin, Kottayam, Trivandrum, Cannanore, Trichur and Quilon.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Population Below Poverty in Kerala

6665. SHRI. THAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of population living below the poverty line in Kerala as per the last survey;

(b) whether any programme is being chalked out to bring them above the poverty line; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI. H.R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) The percentage of people living below the poverty line in rural and urban areas of Kerala State, as per 1987-88 NSSO Survey, is estimated to be 16.4 and 19.3 respectively.

(b) Four Centrally Sponsored/ Central Sector Schemes and one State Sector scheme for alleviation of poverty in Kerala State are already being implemented.

These are:-

CENTRALLY SPONSORED/CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEMES

(i) Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) which provides self-employment in rural areas.

(ii) Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) which provides wage employment in rural areas.

(iii) Self-Employment Programme for Urban Poor (SEPUp).